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ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31 DECEMBER, 19 67

1. NAME OF UNIT IN FULL The Royal Canadian Dragoons

2. LOCATION OF HQ OF UNIT Cambrai Barracks, CFB Gagetown, Oromocto, NB
(Postal Address)

3. DESIGNATION AND LOCATION OF SUB-UNITS (a) A Sqn 1 Jan-31 Mar, 16 Oct-31 Dec;
B Sqn 1 Jan-31 Dec; C Sqn 1 Jan-11 Aug, 20 Oct-20 Nov; CFB Gagetown

(b) A Sqn 1 Apr-15 Oct UN duty Cyprus

(c) C Sqn 15 Aug-19 Oct. Flyover Trg h CIBG (Sqn disbanded 20 Nov 67)

4. STRENGTH AT 31 DEC 67 Officers 38 WOs 9 NCOs 229 Men 235

5. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS (See reverse)

6. BASES AND COURSES ANNEX "A"

a. (Name of Base and dates held) Offrs WOs NCOs Men
(Numbers attending)

b. (Name of Base and dates held) Offrs WOs NCOs Men
(Numbers attending)

c. (Name of Base and dates held) Offrs WOs NCOs Men
(Numbers attending)

7. SPECIAL PARADES (Inspections; guards of honour; etc., giving dates and numbers on parade. Information may be attached as Annexes if desired).

Opening of NB Provincial Legislature 11 Mar 67; Regimental Birthday 11-12 May;

Change of Command 21 Aug 67; RCAC Association (Cavalry) Meeting 28-30 Sep 67;

Liliefontein Celebrations 10-12 Nov 67. (Details at Annex B.)

8. ANNEXES (Changes in dress; aid to the civil power; any other special activities the Commanding Officer considers should be recorded):-

Annex "A" Courses and Training

Annex "B" Special Parades and Events

Annex "C" Aid to the Civil Power

Annex "D" UN Force - Cyprus

Annex "E" Visits

Annex "F" Reinforcement to LdSH(RG)

C. G. Kitchen LCOL

Signature of Commanding Officer



COURSES AND TRAINING

1. COURSES

a. The Regiment conducted three courses as shown below:

(1) D & M Track Gp 1	32 qualified
(2) Gunner RCAC Gp 1	22 qualified
(3) Driver Wheeled	10 qualified

b. In addition, unit personnel attended the following courses:

(1) Adv D & M	15 qualified
(2) Adv Tk Corp	18 qualified
(3) Adv Comms	13 qualified
(4) APC Driver/Operator	6 qualified
(5) Clk Adm Gp 1	5 qualified
(6) Clk Adm Gp 3	1 qualified
(7) Combat Int (Offrs)	1 qualified
(8) Dml & Mine Warfare	2 qualified
(9) Unit Fire Prevention	2 qualified
(10) First Aid Instructor	1 qualified
(11) The Instructors Course	12 qualified
(12) Jnr NCO	23 qualified
(13) Master Crewman	5 qualified
(14) Network Analysis	2 qualified
(15) Basic Parachutist	5 qualified
(16) Senior NCO	6 qualified
(17) Small Arms Instructor	1 qualified
(18) Track and Field Coach	2 qualified
(19) Winter Warfare	5 qualified

2. CIBG CONCENTRATION

a. C Sqn provided three tank troops and four officers to the LdSH(RC) in Germany for the period 11 Aug to 20 Oct to bring the LdSH(RC) up to strength for the Soltan concentration.

b. The RCD troops formed a third squadron within the LdSH(RC).

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3. ANNUAL GUN CAMP

- a. The annual tank firing programme was conducted in Base Cagetown from 22 May to 7 Jun 67 with B and C Squadrons only participating as A Sqn was then on UN duty in Cyprus.
- b. On the final two days of the programme the unit competed in the Corps Inter-Regimental Tank Gunnery Competition and was awarded the Worthington Trophy as the best armoured unit.
- c. C Sqn won the Rams Head Trophy which is presented annually to the top scoring squadron throughout the Corps. 1 Troop C Squadron, commanded by LT D.R.B. Rogers, was top scoring troop in the unit.

4. ASSISTANCE TO MILITIA

C Sqn conducted a course for Captain Special to Corps Qualifying Part II (Militia) from 15 Jul to 1 Aug. The course was attended by 20 militia officers.

5. OFFICER/NCO TRAINING

- a. Officer and NCO training was commenced on 1 Apr 67 and consisted of a series of weekly lectures covering a wide range of military oriented subjects.

6. BRIGADE STUDY CONCENTRATION

- a. Selected unit officers attended Brigade conducted tactical Study Concentrations on the following dates:
 - (1) 30 Feb - 3 Mar
 - (2) 18/19 Apr
 - (3) 23/24 May
 - (4) 25/26 Oct

7. EXERCISES

- a. The regiment took part in the following exercises during 1967:

(1) EX Retour Froid 24 - 31 Jan 67

A road movement exercise from Base Cagetown to Base Valcartier and back involving the entire unit.

(2) EX Frozen Moose 27 Feb - 18 Mar 67

A winter training exercise in the James Bay region, the object was to expose selected junior officers and other ranks to leadership training under severe conditions.

(3) EX Rolling Stone 19 - 21 Jul 67

A CPX designed to test 3 CIBG Headquarters and Communications Company. The unit provided control for the exercise.

(h) EX Prairie Schooner 3 - 5 Oct 67

A CPX designed to test the deployment and staff procedures of 3 CIBG Headquarters and Communications Company in the defence. The unit prepared and controlled the exercise.

(5) Night Aid II

B Sqn participated in the Night Aid II Trial from 5 Sep to 17 Nov. The trial was investigating night seeing devices.



SPECIAL PARADES AND EVENTS

1. Opening of Legislature

a. The RCD Provided a 100 man guard of honour for the opening of the New Brunswick Provincial Legislature on 11 Mar 67.

2. REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY

a. The unit celebrated it's 83rd birthday 11-12 May 67. The birthday celebrations were conducted in May this year although the official birthday is 21 Dec.

b. The Colonel of the Regiment, BGEN H.A. Phillips, OBE, CD was present for the activities which included a tabloid sports meet, Regimental smoker, mounted marchpast, balls in the individual messes and a regimental church parade.

3. CHANGE OF COMMAND

a. The Change of Command of the unit was affected from LCOL WIE Finan, CD to LCOL CG Kitchen, CD on 21 Aug 67. There was no handover parade as such, however, on 11 Aug 67 a parade was held to present LCOL Finan, CD with a gift from the unit personnel.

4. RCAC ASSOCIATION (CAVALRY)

a. The unit hosted the 45th annual meeting of the RCAC Association (Cavalry) from 26 to 30 Sep 67.

b. The meeting was attended by 52 officers both Regular and Militia.

5. LILIEFONTEIN

a. On 10 - 12 Nov 67, the regiment celebrated the 67th anniversary of the battle at Liliefontein, Transvaal, on 7 Nov 1900. BGEN HA Phillips, OBE, CD Colonel of the Regiment was in attendance.

b. The events included a Regimental Dinner on 10 Nov 67, dismounted Remembrance Day Parade on 11 Nov 67 and formal balls in all the messes that night.



AID TO THE CIVIL POWER

1. READY FORCE

- a. The unit provided the 3 CIBG Ready Force of 2 officers and 31 ORs from 21 Mar to 19 Jun 67. HQ Sqn provided the Ready Force.
- b. The Force was on six hours standby for that period but was not called out.
- c. The unit commenced a second such commitment on 2 Dec 67 with A Sqn providing the Force.

2. LABRADOR FIRES

- a. From 30 Jun 67 to 11 Jul 67 personnel from 3 CIBG were involved in fighting forest fires in Labrador.
- b. The unit contributed 7 officers and 107 ORs to this operation.

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UN FORCE - CYPRUS

1. A Squadron was retrained as a reconnaissance squadron and despatched to Cyprus on UN duty on 1 Apr 67. The squadron, consisting of 96 a 11 ranks returned to Canada on 16 Oct 67 after an interesting and valuable tour of duty.



VISITS

1. Students of the National Defence College and Canadian Army Staff College visited Base Gagetown on the following occasions:

a. NDC	18/19 Jan 67
b. CASC	11/16 Feb 67
c. CASC	12/13 Oct 67
d. NBC	7/9 Nov 67

2. The unit contributed a tank squadron to the static, tank/mechanized infantry attack and a troop to the fire power demonstrations.

3. The unit organized and controlled the Oct and Nov demonstrations as well.



REINFORCEMENTS - LdSH(RC)

1. Rotation of the armoured unit in 4 CIBG, NME, has been placed on a man-for-man basis and the RCD has been tasked with providing trained replacement personnel for the LdSH(RC).

2. In 1967 the unit sent the following personnel:

a. LT	1
b. WD	1
c. SGT	16
d. CPL	26
e. TPR	100

3. During this time the unit received 54 trained recruits from the Combat Arms School, Base Borden and the following personnel from the LdSH(RC):

a. MID	1
b. SGT	13
c. CPL	15
d. TPR	15

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